

In the past, the Federal Communications Commission has severely limited communications access for individuals and families in rural communities. I hope that this will not be one of those issues. We are one of the households in rural America which cannot receive Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) or broadband access via cable due to our distance from town. Currently, we utilize a 2-way satellite system for internet access which provides access that is only slightly better than dial-up. However, this means of internet access is highly unreliable (much more so than our satellite TV) there are times when I cannot conduct my home based business (I am an insurance agent) due to inability to access the internet. The sad fact is that most farmers in this area need supplemental income to support there families. I have spoke with both the cable company (which has no plans to expand into our area) and the telephone company (which eludes would be too costly for the limited houses in our area). Certainly Broadband access over Power Line would provide the high-speed internet access that much of Rural American desires, however that Corporate America refuses to provide. I hope and pray that the FCC will not let down Rural America once again AND will support being broadband internet access to the rest of America.